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OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft are continuing their violations of Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 19/20 September 1991 amounted to 23 sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds of 360 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 1,500 to 7,500 metres.
2. The air activity was centred over Tall'afar, Mosul, Zakho, Amadiyah, Arbil and Dohuk and had the purpose of observation and provocation.
3. At 1144 hours on the same day, one aircraft coming from Saudi airspace at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a distance of 15 kilometres.
4. At 2113 hours on the same day, four helicopters were seen hovering over the area to the south of Dohuk at medium altitude.

II

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 20/21 September 1991 amounted to 18 sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 metres.
2. The air activity was centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Arbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Tall'afar and had the purpose of observation and provocation.
3. At 2020 hours on the same day, our visual observation posts to the south of Dohuk sighted four helicopters hovering over the area.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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